

IX. (XCIIL)

.The *Rtihi* Is GOTAKA : the deities are AGHI and
 SOHA: the
 metre of the three first stanzas is *Anushfubh* ;
 of thi-ee,
 beginning with the ninth, *Gdyatri*; of the eighth,
Jagati or
TfiMulji; and, of the rest, *Zfa'sMubL*

!• AGOT and SOMA, sliowerers (of
 desires),-favour-
 ably hear this my invocation^ graciously
 accept my
 hymns, and bestow felicity on the donor
 (of the
 oblation).

2. AGM and SOMA, grant, to him who
 addresses
 this prayer to you both, store of cattle
 with sound
 strength, and good horses.

3. AGM and SOMA, may he who offers
 you' the
 oblation of clarified butter enjoy sound
 strength,
 with progeny, through all his life.

4. Asm and SoifA₃ that prowess of
 yours, by
 which you have carried off the cows that
 were the
 food of PANI, is (well-) known to us. You
 have slain
 the offspring of BRISAYA* ; and you have
 acquired
 the one luminary (the sun*), for the
 benefit of the
 many,

^a *Brimy&zyo, Se\$haL* The latter is a. synonym of
apatya, **off-**
spring.—Ifirukta, III., 2. *JBrisaya* is said to be a-
 synonym of
Ttcashfyi, here styled an *Asura*. The offspring of
TwasMri is
Vrztra-; and the agency 'of *Agni* and *Soma* in his

death is explained by identifying them with the two vital airs *Prdna* and *Apdna*, the separation of which from *Yritra* was the approximate cause of his death.

^b By the destruction of ***Yritra***, the enveloping clond, or . gathered darkness, -the sun was enabled to appear in the sky.